integrated pest management and sprinkler sets for bringing more area under irrigation.

दुधारू पशुओं के लिए चारे की उपलब्धता

2462. **श्री चीमनभाई हरीभाई शुक्ला:** क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या उड़ीसा, गुजरात और मध्य प्रदेश सहित देश में दूध देने वाले पशुओं के लिए पर्याप्त मात्रा में चारा उपलब्ध नहीं है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो चारे की राज्यवार वार्षिक आवश्यकता कितनी-कितनी है तथा वर्तमान में इसकी कितनी मात्रा वास्तव में उपलब्ध है;

(ग) क्या सरकार ने चारे की बढ़ती आवश्यकता को देखते हुए इसकी पर्याप्त आपूर्ति सुनिश्चित करने हेतु अतिरिक्त भूमि पर चारे के उत्पादन को बढ़ावा देने के लिए एक राष्ट्रीय पशु चारा बैंक स्थापित करने के लिए कोई निर्णय लिया है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है?

कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सोम पाल): (क) और (ख) देश में सूखे चारे तथा हरे चारे की उपलब्धता, आवश्यकता से कम आंकी गई है। इसलिए देश में चारे की कमी है। तीन राज्यों में स्थिति इस प्रकार है:—

	आवश्यकता	उपलब्धता (मिलियन टन)
1. गुजरात	30.50	26.00
हरा चारा	13.20	9.60
सूखा चारा		
2. उड़ीसा	124.39	2.65
हरा चारा	15.61	11.75
सूखा चारा		
3. मध्य प्रदेश	87.60	अनुमानित नहीं
हरा चारा	68.20	अनुमानित नहीं
सूखा चारा		

(ग) और (घ) ऐसा कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है।

Compensation to Farmers of Maharashtra

2463. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Maharashtra has requested the Government to compensate the farmers of the State for damages caused by hailstorm in the State;

(b) if so, whether any Central team has been sent to Maharashtra to assess the damage to crops and;

(c) if not, whether it will be sent now, as the State Government is in financial difficulty?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) Yes, Sir. The Government of Maharashtra had indicated that the losses due to hailstorms and untimely rains during January to March, 1998 was Rs. 40.57 crores.

(b) and (c) No Memorandum indicating the extent of damage due to hailstorm has so far been received from the Government of Maharashtra. Deputation of a Central Team for making an assessment of the situation will be considered only after receipt of the Memorandum from the State Government.

Death due to Cyclone

2464. DR. MOHAN BABU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons died, injured and missing in the cyclone ravaged areas of Gujarat, Maharashtra and Rajasthan;

(b) what is the total loss of crops in each State due to this cyclone;

(c) whether any Central team has visited the cyclone affected areas; if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of relief and rescue operations so far given to the affected people in each State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) As per information received from the State Government, due to the recent cyclone, 1196 persons lost their lives, 908 were injured and 1774 were missing in Gujarat. In Rajasthan, 12 persons lost their lives. The Government of Maharashtra has not reported any loss of life or injury to persons due to the cyclone.

(b) In the memorandum submitted for Central assistance from the National Fund for Calamity Relief (NFCR), the Government of Gujarat has indicated damange to groundnut, bajra and cotton area measuring 1472 ha. No report on damage to crops has so far been received from Maharashtra and Rajasthan.

(c) An Inter-Ministerial Central Team has already visited the affected areas in Gujarat and has submitted its report. The deputation of Central Teams to Maharashtra and Rajasthan will be considered after receipt of Memorandum from them, indicating the extent of damage etc.

(d) It is primarily the responsibility of these State Governments to provide relief to the people affected by the calamity from the allocation under Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) to which 75% is contributed by the Central Government. The Ist and 2nd instalments of Centre's share of CRF for 1998-99 amounting to Rs. 58.06 crore to Gujarat, Rs. 28.36 crore to Maharashtra and Rs. 74.46 crore to Rajasthan has already been released.

The State Government has reportedly made ex-gartia payment of about Rs. 4.04 crore for 472 death cases. The assistance for house hold kits was enhanced from Rs. 150/- to Rs. 300/- per person. A sum of Rs. 67.79 lakhs was paid as cash doles to 23390 families. The State Government is also reported to be taking steps to restore and augment water supply, restoration of electric supply, normalising the transport services and restoration of communication systems in all the affected district headquarters. The Government of Rajasthan paid-ex-gratia of Rs. 1.00 lakh in each of the death cases and also gave assistance for repair of damaged houses and for animals lost. Further relief and rescue measures are being taken by the State Governments.

Fall in Prices of Copra and Coconut Oil

2465. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the steep fall in prices of Copra and Coconut oil;

(b) whether Government will take urgent steps to stop the import of Copra, coconut oil and palm oil to enable the peasants to get remunerative prices for their coconuts; and

(c) whether Government will also take urgent steps to increase the import duty on vegetable oils from the present 20% to 65%?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) to (c) The Prices of copra and coconut oil in the current season have been lower than those in the last year which had witnessed an unusually high price situation.

As the import of coconut oil, copra and palm oil has been very minimal, any fall in the prices of copra/coconut oil cannot be attributed to their imports. There is no proposal to increase import duty on vegetable oils.

Production of Milk

2466. SHRI GOVINDRAM MIRI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the annual production of milk in the country during 1979—95;

(b) what had been the share of National Dairy Research Institute 1979-95;